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I am applying to REJECT RM-11828, RM-11708, RM-11759 and 16-239 as it will contribute to band overcrowding and promote behaviour that is disrespectful and against the amateur radio operators code.

There is no evidence that these petitions will increase participation in amateur radio or encourage operators to upgrade. If techs are given extra voice and data privileges on 80 and 40 meters without the training, we are at risk of crowding out existing invaluable services such as the NTS and RRIE on Phone, CW and DATA frequencies. Reliable, and rooted in training competent and efficient operators, the National Traffic Systems must have consistent access to frequencies that can be used during disasters or emergencies. Already, the CW bands on 80 meters have been decimated by phone and digital expansion.

The Tech license does not cover General Question Pool G2E02(B), G2E03(D), G2E07(A), G2E09(C), G2E10(D), G2E12 (C), G8C06 (B), G8C07 (B), G8C01(B), G1E05(C), G1E11(C), G1E12(A), G1E13(D), which cover essential modern HF digital communications procedures. This will encroach upon already crowded bands and will discourage technicians from upgrading in competency as a digital operator.

Incentivising technicians to upgrade will not only ensure better quality operators, but also will ensure sustainability of the existing modes and traffic systems that are in place. Amateur radio operators are considerate, loyal, progressive, friendly, balanced and patriotic. Let us honour that code by teaching all operators to share, be considerate of others and provide an invaluable communication service to our countries.

Thank you for your consideration.